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Letters to the Editor

Bush and the C.I.A.

To the Editor:

The decision of President Ford to appoint George Bush to the directorship of the C.I.A. reopens the wounds of Watergate and poses new questions regarding the sincerity of President Ford's past statements on bringing the country together.

George Bush, as Republican national chairman, led the way in the final months of the Nixon Presidency in covering up the problem with platitudes and pronouncements on the President's innocence. Mr. Bush's reply to my letter calling for the removal of Mr. Nixon as a spokesman for the Republican party was to cite the lack of an indictment as cause in his mind for inaction. Mr. Bush's version of "Operation Candor" was to work hand in hand with the leader of the Watergate gang in stonewalling it.

President Ford now will put Mr. Bush in a position to blunt the efforts of the Congress to reform the C.I.A. and to expose fully the illegal actions this organization has been involved in for years.

The American people deserve better than this: President Ford has not yet learned the lessons of Watergate. "Politics as usual" will not solve the critical national problems facing our country. Covering up our defects doesn't correct them.

President Ford, unlike the President he most admires (Harry Truman), has not shown the ability to grow in stature to meet the demands of this high office.

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